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LIBRARY, CULTURE AND ARTS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

June 21, 2012

7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public are entitled to address the Library, Culture, & Arts Commission concerning any item within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to no more than three minutes. Except for certain specific exceptions, the Library, Culture & Arts Commission is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. (See additional noticing at the end of this agenda)

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BUSINESS

1. ROMERO SCULPTURE PROPOSAL

Recommended Action: Review proposal, discussion and make recommendation to council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE COMMISSION INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS:

Note: in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a), there shall be no discussion, debate and/or action taken on any request other than providing direction to staff to place the matter of business on a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT to the next monthly meeting at **7:00 p.m.** on July 10, 2012, Morgan Hill Library, 660 West Main Avenue, Morgan Hill.

NOTICE

All public records relating to an open session item on this agenda, which are not exempt from disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act that are distributed to a majority of the legislative body less than 72 hours prior to an open session, will be made available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk at Morgan Hill City Hall located at 17575 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA, 95037 at the same time that the public records are distributed or made available to the legislative body. (Pursuant to Government Code 54957.5)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON AGENDA

Following the opening of the Meeting, the public may present comments on items **NOT** appearing on the agenda that are within the Commission's jurisdiction. Should your comments require Commission action, your request will be placed on the next appropriate agenda. No discussion or action may be taken until your item appears on a future agenda. You may contact the Clerk for specific time and dates. This procedure is in compliance with the California Public Meeting Law (Brown Act) G.C. 54950.5. Please limit your presentation to three (3) minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS APPEARING ON AGENDA

The Library, Culture & Arts Commission welcomes comments from all individuals on any agenda item being considered by the Commission. Please complete a Speaker Card and present it to the Clerk. This will assist the Members in hearing your comments at the appropriate time. Speaker cards are available from staff. In accordance with Government Code 54953.3 it is not a requirement to fill out a speaker card in order to speak to the Commission. However, it is very helpful to the Commission if speaker cards are submitted. As your name is called, please walk to the podium and speak directly into the microphone. Clearly state your name and address and then proceed to comment on the agenda item. In the interest of brevity and timeliness and to ensure the participation of all those desiring an opportunity to speak, comments presented to the Commission are limited to three minutes. We appreciate your cooperation.

NOTICE

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

The City of Morgan Hill complies with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and will provide reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities to ensure equal access to all facilities, programs and services offered by the City. If you need special assistance to access the meeting room or to otherwise participate at this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 17575 Peak Avenue or call 779-7259 or (Hearing Impaired only - TDD 776-7381) to request accommodation. Please make your request at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to enable staff to implement reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting.

If assistance is needed regarding any item appearing on the agenda, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 17575 Peak Avenue or call 779-7259 or (Hearing Impaired only - TDD 776-7381) to request accommodation.

NOTICE

Notice is given, pursuant to Government Code Section 65009, that any challenge of Public Hearing Agenda items in court, may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or on your behalf at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Commission at, or prior to the Public Hearing on these matters.

NOTICE

The time within which judicial review must be sought of the action by the Commission which acted upon any matter appearing on this agenda is governed by the provisions of Section 1094.6 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.

TARA ALISH ROMERO BRONZE SCULPTURE COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

INTRODUCTION:

The Tara Romero Bronze Sculpture Committee would like to donate and erect a Bronze Sculpture as public art to the City of Morgan Hill. The Committee requests permission to do so from the City of Morgan Hill, and also requests that the Library, Culture and Arts Commission review and approve the proposal prior to the City Council's review.

The bronze sculpture will be a likeness of Tara Alish Romero, a child of Morgan Hill, whose life was cut short by a random act of violence on November 4, 2011. Intended to represent any child, the likeness will depict a child in a joyful, playful pose, and be a symbol of our community's commitment to maintaining a non-violent environment in which to raise our children. The design theme was chosen: (1) to represent all youth; (2) to stimulate conversation about sadness of loss that brought this bronze sculpture to life; (3) to deter its happening again; and, (4) to demonstrate peace and lasting unity among all members of our community.

Morgan Hill is a very tight knit, family oriented community, which is our town's greatest asset. Like many children, Tara was born and raised in Morgan Hill where she is loved and adored by her family and peers. She was a freshman at Sobrato High School and enjoyed the day to day activities and social experiences that High School has to offer. She looked forward to achieving her dream of attending college and enjoying all of the opportunities that were in her future. She was like everyone's child, but now she is gone. A life cut short needlessly, senselessly, and violently.

PURPOSE:

Our vision for this sculpture is to create a visible piece of art that inspires peace, unity, and a social awareness within the community, as well as attempt to encourage prevention of such random acts of violence from happening in the

future. We hope that by having this visible bronze sculpture in a public place, it will encourage parents to communicate with their children about the importance of non-violence and the repercussions of violence. Additionally, it is intended to remind all community members, especially the young, of how thoughtless and violent actions irreversibly and painfully affect others. When Tara was murdered it forced a cold lesson that no child should have to learn.

BRONZE SCULPTURE:

The bronze sculpture itself will be of no more than 5' tall on a base no larger than 2½' by 2½'. A representation of peace and unity will be displayed through either a symbol on clothing or accessory or through a worded base mounted plaque. The bronze sculpture will be mounted on a concrete base and secured to same base. The estimated cost for the creation, mounting, and installation of the bronze sculpture, based on research and active communications with various artists, will be \$25,000 - \$38,000. Annual maintenance and upkeep (based on research and active communications) will be no more than \$750.00 per annum.

This Committee has yet to formally select an artist; however, we are engaging with various world-renowned and highly regarded artists who have been supportive of and enthusiastic about this particular project. Once an Artist has been selected and a Maquette of the sculpture is produced, we will submit that likeness to LCAC for further review. The Committee also understands that the City Council will require an additional review submitted in writing once the artist, material, and location are determined, as well as a final review before installation begins.

FUNDING:

The following will secure funding. They include but not limited to:

- A classic hot rod to be auctioned that is valued at \$30,000.
- Private donors who have pledged their support in this endeavor.
- A range of fundraising events, raffles, and similar activities.

The sculpture's upkeep and annual maintenance will be provided by private donations from the members of the Tara Romero Bronze Sculpture Committee and members of the community who have pledged their ongoing support. The Committee will provide a list of names of those individuals with their contact information for the City's reference. Additionally, a named fund will be set up with the Morgan Hill Community Foundation to receive donations and endow the annual maintenance of the sculpture.

LOCATION OF BRONZE SCULPTURE:

We have three proposals for the location of the bronze sculpture, and the Committee is open to suggestions:

- Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center
- The Morgan Hill Library
- Downtown Morgan Hill

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO: